



Staff Report

TO: Chairman Wood and Open Space Advisory Board Members

FROM: Jennifer Guetschow, Planner II

DATE OF MEETING: October 25, 2016

DATE OF SUBMITTAL: September 30, 2016

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Parks Grant Program, Fall 2016: Littleton Public School District, Hopkins Elementary School and Cherry Creek School District – Dry Creek, Heritage, Homestead and Walnut Hills, Elementary Schools

1. **Executive Summary:**

The City has received 2 grant applications for the Fall 2016 Neighborhood Parks Grant Program. The first is from the Littleton Public School District to replace aging playground equipment at Hopkins Elementary School. The second is from the Cherry Creek School District to add 4 shade structures to playgrounds at four of their Elementary Schools.

2. **Discussion:**

The City has \$145,360 remaining in the Neighborhood Parks Grant Program for the Fall 2016 cycle. We received two applications by the deadline date, which combined, exceeded the amount available in the fund. Staff met with both applicants and discussed the situation. The applicants both responded cooperatively and were able to modify their requests. Staff will be presenting the two grant applications at the meeting, but has provided a summary below as well as a copy of the revised applications as attached.

Cherry Creek School District –

- Dry Creek Elementary
- Heritage Elementary
- Homestead Elementary
- Walnut Hills Elementary

Requesting funding to install 4 shade structures no later than Summer 2017. These structures will be used at four different Elementary schools.

FUNDING REQUEST

Total Project Cost	\$96,300
Grant Amount Requested from the City	\$87,333
Applicant's Financial Match	\$8,967

Littleton Public Schools Hopkins Playground Renovation Project

Requesting funding for new playground equipment at the Hopkins Elementary school. Funding requested from Centennial will be used to assist in matching another grant request they will be submitting to complete the project through the Arapahoe County Open Space Fund.

FUNDING REQUEST

Total Project Cost	\$356,073.03 (\$254,073.03 ACOSG)
Grant Amount Requested	\$50,000
Applicants financial match	\$52,000
Non-cash contribution	\$10,000

The Board may take formal action to make a recommendation on the request.

3. Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the requested funding.

4. Alternatives:

The Board could vote to recommend less than the requested funding, or vote to recommend no funding toward the projects.

5. Fiscal Impact:

The 2016 Open Space Fund budget can accommodate the requested funding with the remaining amount of \$145,360 this Fall 2016 budget cycle.

6. Next Steps:

If the Board votes to recommend support for the requested funding, a Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the District will be placed on a future Council agenda for consideration and formal action.

7. Previous Actions:

There are no previous Board actions on this request.